

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

Public Servants – Social Welfare Department – Certain irregularities noticed in sanction of scholarships by certain Officers and staff of the O/o Deputy Director (SW), Nalgonda – Departmental action against Sri K.Gangadhar, formerly District Social Welfare Officer, Nalgonda District, and presently District Social Welfare Officer (Retd)– Imposing the penalty of 10% cut in pension for a period of (5) years (FIVE Years) against the Charged Officer under Rule 9 of the A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

SOCIAL WELFARE (SER.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.NO. 476

Dated:02.07.2009.

Read the following:

1. From the Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad, Proc. No.A1/14051/2001, dated 16-01-2002.
2. Explanation dated. 05.03.2002, of Sri. K.Gangadhar.
3. From the Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad, Memo. No. A1/14626/2001, dated 08-05-2002.
4. CSW, Progs. No. A1/14051/2001-1 dated. 29.6.2005.
5. Report of the Joint Director (SW) and Enquiry Officer, O/o Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad, No1/JD-Zone-VI/2002, dated 11.11.2005.
6. From the Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad, Letter No.A1/14051/2001, dated 18.11.2005.
7. Govt.MemoNo.8474/SW.SER.III(1)/03-42,dated. 10.10.08
8. Explanation of Sri K.Gangadhar, formerly District Social Welfare Officer, Nalgonda District, now retd. dated. 27.01.2009.
9. Govt. Letter No.8474/SW.SER.III(1)/2003-43, dated 7.3.2009 addr. to the Secretary, APPSC, Hyderabad.
- 10.From the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad, Letter No.346/RT-I/2/2009, dated 9.4.2009.

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O R D E R:

The Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad has ordered to conduct a preliminary enquiry by the Joint Director Zone-V and Joint Director Zone-III on a news item published in daily news paper "Eenadu" district edition on 01-12-2001 and 03-12-2001 on misusing of Post Matric Scholarships and manipulating the disbursement of scholarships with bogus caste certificates by the private college managements at the Suryapet Revenue Division which have been sanctioned by the Social Welfare Department/Tribal Welfare Department during the year 2001 – 2002 under revalidation of pending scholarships as well as renewal scholarships for the year 2001 – 2002 up to September, 2001, and found certain lapses in disbursement of scholarships to S.C. students by Sri K.Gangadhar, formerly District Social Welfare Officer, Nalgonda District, and presently District Social Welfare Officer (Retd) and six others.

2. The Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad, vide reference first read above, framed articles of charges against Sri K.Gangadhar, formerly District Social Welfare Officer, Nalgonda District, (now Retd), with a direction to submit his written statement of defence to the articles of charge framed against him. The individual has submitted his Written Statement of Defence, dated 05-03-2002, to

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the Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad, denying all the charges, vide reference 2nd cited. The Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad, vide reference fourth cited, appointed the Joint Director (SW), Zone-VI, O/o Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad, as Enquiry Officer, to conduct a common enquiry into the charges framed Sri K.Gangadhar, formerly District Social Welfare Officer, Nalgonda District, and presently Retd, and others under Rule 20 and 24 of the A.P.Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991.

3. The Enquiry Officer has conducted the enquiry and submitted his enquiry report vide reference fifth read above, to the Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad, and the Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad vide reference 6th cited has forwarded the same to Government.

4. The Government after careful examination of the matter, provisionally decided to impose the penalty of 10% cut in pension permanently for the irregular sanction of scholarships by the Charged Officer Sri K.Gangadhar, formerly District Social Welfare Officer, Nalgonda District, now retired.

5. Accordingly, the Government have issued a Show Cause Notice vide reference seventh read above, to the Accused Officer Sri K.Gangadhar, formerly District Social Welfare Officer, Nalgonda District, and now retired, directing him to submit his explanation as to why 10% cut in pension shall not be imposed on him for the charges held proved in the sanction of scholarships, under Rule 9 (2) (a) of the A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. The Charged Officer has submitted his detailed explanation to the Show Cause Notice, vide reference eighth read above, denying all the charges. He has stated that that he had put in 29 years of unblemished service in the Department, with clean record, it was the first unfortunate disciplinary action initiated against him in the year, 2002, that the Joint Director and Enquiry Officer in his enquiry report dated. 11-11-2005, had already clearly mentioned the rule position, enunciated in the G.O.Ms.No.88 SW (Q2) Dept., Dt.08-06-1990 and also recommended for dropping of the two allegations leveled against him, since there is no lapse on his part, in discharging the duties as DSWO, Nalgonda, in sanction of Renewal Post metric scholarships.

7. The Charged Officer has further stated that he has worked hardly for a period of (9) months as DSWO in the office of the Dy.Director of Social Welfare, Nalgonda. He resumed charge as DSWO, Nalgonda at the fag end of the financial year on 24-03-2000 and there was only one week left for the closure of the financial year and within the short span of time, all renewal scholarships were to be sanctioned to spend the entire amount. He has strived hard to utilize the entire budget so allotted. As per the procedure in vogue, physical verification is not required for sanction of renewal scholarships. Even after the time available for him, was so short he could able to collect 80% aquittance to a tune of Rs.3,49,67,295/- as against the amount of Rs. 4,40,37,999/- sanctioned during the year, 1999-2000. Had he waited for the 100% aquittance to come renewal scholarships would not have been sanctioned within a period of 7 days in the month of March 2000 from 24-03-2000 to 31-03-2000, and thereby many poor deserving SC students would have deprived of the privilege of getting the scholarships. Sri. K.Gangadhar further informed that he was retired from Government service on 31-3-2006 on attaining the age of superannuation of (58) years conditionally and he has not received pensionary benefits. He is having (3) daughters and one son and they have not settled due to financial problems so far. Further, he is a diabetic patient and having High B.P. for which he is taking regular treatment from Dr. Sai Ravi Sankar at Karimnagar for the last (7) years and he is not able to bear the medical expenses.

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8. In the reference 9th read above, the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad was requested to place the facts of the case before the Commission and to communicate the Commission's advice on the proposed penalty.

9. The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission vide reference 10th read above, advised that 10% cut in pension for a period of 5 (FIVE) years be imposed against Sri. K.Gangadhar, formerly Social Welfare Officer now retired.

10. The Government after careful examination of the matter,, hereby impose the penalty of 10% (ten percent) cut in pension for a period of 5 (FIVE)years against Sri K.Gangadhar, formerly District Social Welfare Officer, Nalgonda District, now retired for the charges held proved in the enquiry, under Rule 9 of the A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

11. The Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad, is therefore, directed to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

V.NAGI REDDY
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner of Social Welfare,
A.P., Hyderabad.

Copy to:

Sri K.Gangadhar, formerly District Social Welfare Officer, Nalgonda District,
now retired through the Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad.

The District Collector, Nalgonda.

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner,
A.P.Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.

The Accountant General (A & E),
A.P., Hyderabad.

The Deputy Accountant General (Pensions),
O/o Accountant General, A.P., Hyderabad.

The Secretary, A.P.Public Service Commission, Hyderabad,
w.r.t. their Letter No. 346/RT-I/2/2009, dated 9.4.2009.

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SECTION OFFICER